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**Calendar**

**January 15, Monday**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, federal and state holiday.

**January 31 - February 9**  
Exercise COPE TIGER, Korat, Thailand, Hawaii Air National Guard support.

**January 28 - 17 February**  
Exercise YAMA SAKURA, Camp Itami, Japan and Fort. Lewis, Wash., Hawaii Army and Air National Guard support.

**February 19, Monday**  
President's Day, federal and state holiday. Great Aloha Run, Hawaii National Guard support.

**February 19 - March 4**  
Balikatan, Fort Masysay, Republic of the Philippines, Hawaii National Guard elements.

**March 26, Monday**  
Kuhio Day, state holiday only.

**March 27-30, Monday - Thursday**  
Family Program Youth Training, 298th Regional Training Institute, Bellows Air Force Station, Waimanalo.

**April 6 - Friday**  
Good Friday, state holiday

**April 16 - Monday**  
Federal income tax filing deadline

**April 20 - Friday**  
State income tax filing deadline.

**May 28**  
Memorial Day, federal and state holiday. Governor's Memorial Day ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe, Hawaii.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo

Kahu Ray Ganotise, a retired National Guard Master Sgt., leads the inaugural procession through an honor cordon of Hawaii National Guard Youth CHalleNGe Academy cadets. The official party is escorted by the ceremonial Royal Guard.

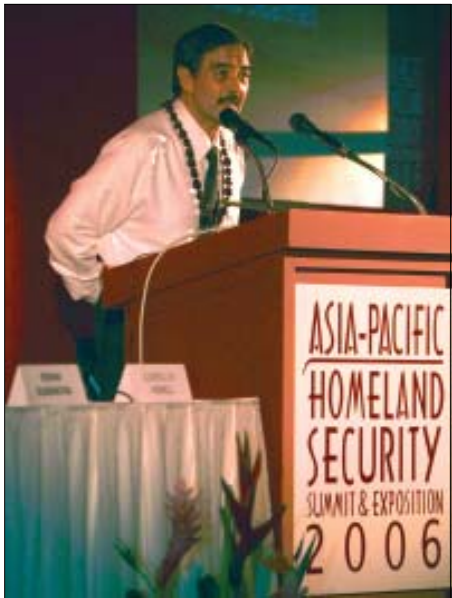
## Department provides inaugural support

Once again the State of Hawaii Department of Defense played a significant role in providing personnel (present and former members) to the success of our commander in chief's inauguration this fourth of December at the Hawaii State Capitol grounds. As the crowd gathered in the State Capitol rotunda, Hawaii Army and Air National Guard troops ushered distinguished guests and passed out programs. Providing entertainment and ceremonial music were the Hawaii Guard's 111th Army Band and the City and County of Honolulu's Royal Hawaiian Band (with retired and active Guard musicians). Cadets from the Hawaii National Guard Youth CHalleNGe Academy provided the honor cordon as well

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## 4th Annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit held on Big Island

Story and photos by Shelly Ichishita



**WELCOME AND MAHALO--** Hawaii County Police Chief Lawrence Mahuna welcomes the summit attendees and thanks the agencies that responded to the earthquake.

The 4th Asia-Pacific Security Summit opened on Oct. 31 at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel in Kona, Hawaii, in spite of the 6.7 magnitude earthquake that struck the area only two weeks earlier. Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general, and host of the summit, used his opening remarks to thank the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their response to the disaster and commend the residents of the island of Hawaii, which was the epicenter and suffered the most damage. In addition to highlighting the natural disaster response to the Oct. 15 earthquake, Maj. Gen. Lee spoke of the accomplishments of the Hawaii Army National Guard. He referred to the 29th Brigade Combat Team and the 298th Engineering Detachment and the work they did in-country in support of Operation IRAQI FREE-

DOM and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In Afghanistan, the 298th built the first road from Kandahar to Tarin-Khot, and the 29th Brigade helped secure Balad during their year-long deployment. Maj. Gen. Lee finished his remarks by commenting on the relevance of the summit's focus—natural and man-made disasters and prevention and response to them in the pacific theater. His opening remarks encompassed two of the most important themes of the 4th Annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit — communication and collaboration. Hawaii County Police Chief Lawrence Mahuna also spoke of communication and collaboration. Mahuna was filling in for Big Island Mayor Harry Kim, who was away at an earthquake response site. He welcomed the summit participants

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# Command Notes

Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee  
The Adjutant General

Time goes by so quickly that it's hard to imagine that I was appointed state adjutant general nearly four years ago, shortly after Governor Lingle first took office. Following her re-election, she has reappointed me to the position, and pending confirmation by the State Senate, I will continue to serve in this capacity during the administration's second term. We've got an incredible team in place and I have no plans to make any major changes within the leadership of the various divisions. It has been an honor and a privilege, and I look forward to working with all of you and continuing to make great things happen.

## Vision to keep forces relevant

One part of the job is forming the strategic vision that will keep our forces relevant, ready and reliable into the future; position us for new roles and missions and further integrates the Hawaii National Guard into the U.S. Pacific Command's overall strategic plans.

One example of our importance was working with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Forces at Schofield Barracks as part of exercise Rising Warrior (see story

on page 6). Our Army Guard soldiers will be going to Japan early in 2007 for exercise Yama Sakura, perpetuating the long-standing relationship we've had with the Japanese self defense forces.

## Partnership Program moving to Indonesia

What will be groundbreaking in the future will be our new state partnership programs with more countries in Asia. We've had a state partnership program with the Philippines for years now. The Guam National Guard will continue with most of the heavy lifting with that relationship as the Hawaii National Guard begins a state partnership program with Indonesia. That state partnership program will become a vital part of U.S. Pacific Command's efforts to maintain stability throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Indonesia, with a population of 250 million, is the largest Islamic country in the world. It is also strategically located along the major shipping routes of Asia. The Hawaii National Guard has the opportunity to help keep Indonesia's economy and worldview on the progressive track. The aim of Osama bin Laden and other Islamic radicals is to turn back the clock in all Islamic countries by isolating them from western culture and philosophies. That in turn, would be very disrupting to our increasingly interconnected global economy.

## Inaugural working together message

The concept of everyone working together to better the lives of people all over the world is also shared by Governor Lingle who shared a part of her vision for Hawaii during her inaugural address: *"The magnitude and speed of change and innovation in the world today is so great, that if we fail to move forward, by definition, we will be going backwards. When it comes to global economic waves, we want to be riding them, not sitting on the sand watching others ride. But we must catch these global waves in a way that honors our past and respects our values because to do otherwise will bring us at the end of our ride to a shore we no longer recognize or feel welcomed at . . . Even our Hawaii National Guard is playing a role in international affairs in the region both through humanitarian efforts and joint military exercises . . . Maintaining our overall physical security requires us to continue our progress of minimizing criminal activity in our neighborhoods while constantly improving our ability to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies."* We should all feel proud that the Governor chose to single out the Hawaii National Guard for such recognition during her speech.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who helped make the inauguration such a success — from the Youth CHalleNGe Academy cadets, 111th Army Band, and the ceremonial Royal Guard, to our joint services color guard, to our escorts, and our 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery to B Company, 173rd Aviation (see pages 1 and 7 for photos). The Guard has always been a part of Hawaii's inaugural ceremonies, but this time around was particularly prominent. Mahalo for all your tremendous support.

# Departmental News

## Chronic candy: Latest drug trend

Story contributed by  
Tech. Sgt. Alan Alejandro and  
Sgt. Linda Hesch  
Joint Substance Abuse Program

There is an alarming new trend spreading across the United States that is very popular with the 21 and older crowd, called Chronic Candy. Chronic Candy contains essential hemp oil and is *illegal* for all military members to ingest.

In years past, other products containing hemp have been marketed toward young adults such as "Dave" a drink produced by Jones Soda. The Air Force placed a ban on *all* hemp products in 1999, and all other military branches followed soon after. There is a nationwide movement to attempt to ban this product.

Hawaii National Guard soldiers and airmen, need to be aware of what they are eating and drinking, and the restrictions as outlined in our regulations. As stated in AFI 44-121, paragraph 3.5.5 and AR 600-85, paragraph 1-35d, "Studies have shown that products made with hemp seed and hemp seed oil may contain varying levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), an active ingredient of marijuana which is detectable under the Army and Air Force Drug Testing Programs.

In order to ensure military readiness, the ingestion of products containing or derived from hemp seed or hemp seed oil is prohibited. Failure to comply with the prohibition on the

ingestion of these products is a violation of Article 92, UCMJ."

We have also found that alcohol is a major contributing factor in positive drug cases. The use of alcohol may limit inhibitions and a soldier or airman under the influence of alcohol would have a more difficult time refraining from using marijuana or other drugs than a sober member.

Those who have tested positive for marijuana and other drugs have said that peer pressure and alcohol is what led them to use the drug even while knowing they may be tested for drugs. Often times, they are offered marijuana or other drugs at social gatherings and resist the temptation initially, but as the night progresses and alcohol starts to take affect, they end up taking a hit. Your true friends will take *no* for an answer; do not allow yourself to be in a situation that could impact the rest of your life.

We ask our soldiers and airmen to be vigilant in their awareness of products being offered to them. What may seem like innocent candy could contain hemp.

There may be a possibility that ingesting or using hemp products which include shampoos, soaps, lotions, bracelets, etc. could lead to a positive test result. The hemp ban was put in place in order to protect our military members as drug use is not compatible with military service, and, we will prosecute to the fullest extent possible —

you could be discharged from the Hawaii National Guard and possibly face time in jail. Take the safe road and steer clear of anything that may contain hemp.

## Recruiting Sustainment Program

A little known program that has been in existence for over a year is the Recruit Sustainment Program. The RSP operates under the Hawaii Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Division and performs their drills at the 298th Regional Training Institute. This program was implemented by National Guard Bureau to help better prepare non-prior service and some prior service warriors for the rigorous training they would be exposed to at Basic Combat Training (BCT) and up to completion of Advance Individual Training (AIT). Every state in the United States has a program similar to the RSP located in Hawaii, but not all are referred to as "sustainment programs."

Currently the RSP consists of 198 warriors to include *split-option* warriors, those awaiting training, warriors at basic or advanced school, and warriors who just returned from becoming Military Occupational Specialty-Qualified in their duty position. The actual number of warriors who train at the 298th will change from month to month, as more warriors enlist, other warriors leave for training on the mainland, and MOS-Q warriors leave the RSP and return to their assigned units.

The RSP follows the Soldier Empowerment and Readiness curriculum established by

NGB. Warriors will belong to five different phases consisting of *red, white, green, and gold*.

Red phase warriors are those who have just enlisted in the Guard. White phase warriors are those warriors awaiting basic training. The blue phase warriors consist of recruits who are going off to basic training just prior to the RSP's next drill. Green phase warriors are those who completed basic training, but have not completed their MOS training. Our last phase, the gold phase, are the warriors who have graduated from AIT and are recognized by the RSP before being

transferred back to their assigned units.

The Hawaii Guard's Recruit Sustainment Program, completed last year, ranked third of all programs running in the U.S. This ranking was based on: average RSP site attendance, RSP Soldier's at Risk, RSP Population by Accession after FY04, Losses Awaiting BCT and AIT, Ship Rate, and finally Recruit Sustainment Rate.

Congratulations to Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Goto, Sgt. 1st Class Emilie Bagayas, Staff Sgt. Melvin Masaki, and Spc. Spencer Hisatake for building the program to where it is today.



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# Civil Engineers build Arizona/Mexico border wall

By Senior Airman Byron Cooper and Capt. Ian Beltran  
154th Civil Engineer Squadron

In September, 15 Hawaii Air National Guard members from the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Yuma, Ariz. in support of Operation JUMP START. Operation JUMP START is a joint force mission helping civil authorities better secure the U.S.- Mexico border.

The civil engineers, assigned to Task Force Diamond Back, have been tasked to erect 700 miles of steel fence and roadways along the Arizona-Mexico border. The Hawaii contingent, led by Capt. Ian Beltran, teamed up with Air and Army Guard units from Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and Guam.

The specific mission task was to close an 1,800-foot gap of fence on the outskirts of the border town of San Luis by November. The challenge was completing the mission in spite of end of the fiscal year materials and funding shortages.

The shortage of funding did not slow down operations for the engineers. The Hawaii-led team exceeded expectations by completing a 1,800-foot gap in just under a month with reused materials. The prior rotation, twice the size of the Hawaii's contingent, put up 2,000 feet of fence in a one month period.

### Mission broken into functional areas

The operation was first broken into seven different functional areas. The first three included: form builders, who constructed 4 x 8 foot plywood forms used to hold the concrete and uprights of the fence until the concrete cured; engineer assistants or surveyors, who ensured that the two sections of fence would eventually line up and be the same height; and heavy equipment operators, who excavated sand prior to the forms being placed. Staff Sgt. Clint Rodriquez, from the 154th's heavy equipment shop, made a name for himself by excavating over 200 feet of trench in a single day.

The fourth functional area was responsible for setting the forms into sand level and even with the grade of sand. They also secured the forms by driving stakes into the sand every two feet.

The fifth functional area involved having welders weld the uprights together as well as welding the panels onto the finished fence once the concrete cured and the sand was backfilled up to the wall.

The sixth functional area was responsible for putting the uprights into the forms making sure that they were straight and plumb with the previous upright.



Hawaii Air National Guard photos

154th Civil Engineers weld the uprights together to form Arizona - Mexican border walls.

The seventh and final functional area was the concrete/form recovery crew. This crew was responsible for pumping the concrete into the forms and then troweling the finished product smooth. They also ended up recovering and reusing the forms as much as three times due to the shortage of materials.

### Temperatures, snakes don't stop mission

In the first week of being in Arizona, the temperatures in the desert were over 100°F. By early-to-mid-October, temperatures had dropped into the lower 90°F and by then, most of the troops were already acclimated to the weather. Due to the heat the engineers would start work at 6:00 a.m. and usually finish

for the day at 3:00 p.m. Many days minor sand storms kicked up but the crew worked right through them. Even running into a couple of rattlesnakes and sidewinders didn't stop the mission at hand.

**Hawaii's Operation JUMP START team builds the Arizona/Mexico border wall. Team members were Capt. Ian Beltran, Master Sgt. Darren Atabay, Master Sgt. Luke Sakanashi, Tech. Sgt. Rez Hadlich, Tech. Sgt. Timo Satola, Tech. Sgt. Roy Takamoto, Staff Sgt. Robert Grilho, Staff Sgt. Caplan Hashimoto, Staff Sgt. Jose Lujan, Staff Sgt. James Richardson, Staff Sgt. Clint Rodriquez, Senior Airman Paul Caparas, Senior Airman Byron A. Cooper, Senior Airman Brandon Ozaki, and Senior Airman Roger Yurko.**



# Hawaii Soldier on different kind of active duty tour

By Sgt. Linda Hesch

As our brave National Guard soldiers fight for freedom in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait, my brother, Hawaii's own Staff Sgt. Samuel Hesch, has taken on a mission of a different nature: a mission to boost the Army's morale through music, song, and dance.



Hesch performed as a member of the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show. He was attached to the Army Entertainment Detachment in Fort Belvoir, Va., from March through November 2006. The tour traveled to various Army bases across the U.S. as well as Germany and Italy.

### Musical history

"This tour is a dream come true," said Sam. "Music is in my blood, the Hesch blood. I'm honored that my younger sister, Linda, and older brother, Thomas, have been part of my musical journey. At some point, we've all been members of the Pearl City Highlands Intermediate School band, Pearl City High School's Wind Ensembles and marching band, as well as the Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band."



"We rehearsed for eight weeks before taking the Soldier Show on the road," said Sam, who was one of 17 chosen among nearly 300 applicants. "We were not only responsible for putting on a good show, we were also tasked with the set up and break down of the entire stage including lighting and sound," said Sam.

"We've performed more than 50 ninety-minute live shows in seven months; it has been a grueling schedule," adds Sam. "A typical day could be arriving in the morning, unload the trucks, set up the stage, sound check, perform the show, breakdown the stage, load the trucks, down time for



Staff Sgt Samuel Hesch performing as a soloist and a choral member of the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier's Show.

rest, and then roll out in the morning for the next location."

"I'm used to a grueling schedule. When the World War II 50-year Commemorations were happening our 111th Band traveled all over the Pacific and the mainland, performing sometimes twice in a day, on different islands," said Sam. "Even during last year's Army Community Theatre production of Miss Saigon, where I played in the lead role of *Chris*, I was still working a day job. I'm enjoying the moment. My only regret is missing my wife and three kids."

### Diverse presentation

I had the opportunity to watch my brother perform in September at Fort Irwin National Training Center, Calif. The show turned out to be much more

than I expected, but I have to say, I was pleasantly surprised. Sam performed a solo in the opening number and various other duets and quartets throughout the show. He was even in a number featuring Tahitian dancing. Many of the numbers depicted various stages in a soldier's life: from a soldier who's just having a bad day, to a husband at home who misses his deployed wife, the show proved to be moving and inspirational. I do have to admit that I did tear up a few times.

As a member of the armed forces, I can truly say that I am proud of my brother, Samuel, and the incredible job the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show has accomplished. If you ever have the chance to see the Army Soldier Show, it's an event not to be missed. Welcome home big brother!



# 29th Brigade Operation IRAQI FREEDOM memorial unveiled

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lum and  
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117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade unveiled the Operation IRAQI FREEDOM Memorial, Nov. 5, at the 29th's Kalaeloa, Hawaii, headquarters. The Memorial honors 18 Brigade Soldiers who paid the ultimate price for freedom during the OIF deployment.

The ceremony began with opening formalities and introductions of the official party by Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, state adjutant general. Brig. Gen. Joseph. J. Chaves, commander, Hawaii Army National Guard and 29th Brigade, and Gov. Linda Lingle addressed the many leaders, comrades, family and friends of the fallen soldiers.

"I ask you to always remember our fallen comrades, who in their sacrifice, we find the courage, strength and inspiration to continue our quest for peace and freedom in the world. I ask that we keep their families in our hearts and prayers," said Chaves.

"Today's memorial is just a small way to express our respect and to honor those who gave their lives. It seems so small. Small, but important that we do it because we should never forget the sacrifice they made for us. This memorial preserves their memory for current, as well as for future generations," said Lingle.

These remarks were followed by the unveiling of the OIF Memorial by the official party, presentation of floral wreaths at the OIF, and Vietnam Memorials by present and past Brigade command sergeant majors, and the roll call of honor for both campaigns.

A ceremonial 21-gun salute, the playing of *Taps*, and a three-helicopter flyover highlighted the conclusion of the ceremony.

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph C. Barker, fire support officer for D Co., 184th Fire Support Team in Iraq, sent condolences to the families of the fallen soldiers memorialized. "You can't put into words how much their sacrifice means," said Barker. "Every one of those guys are heroes."

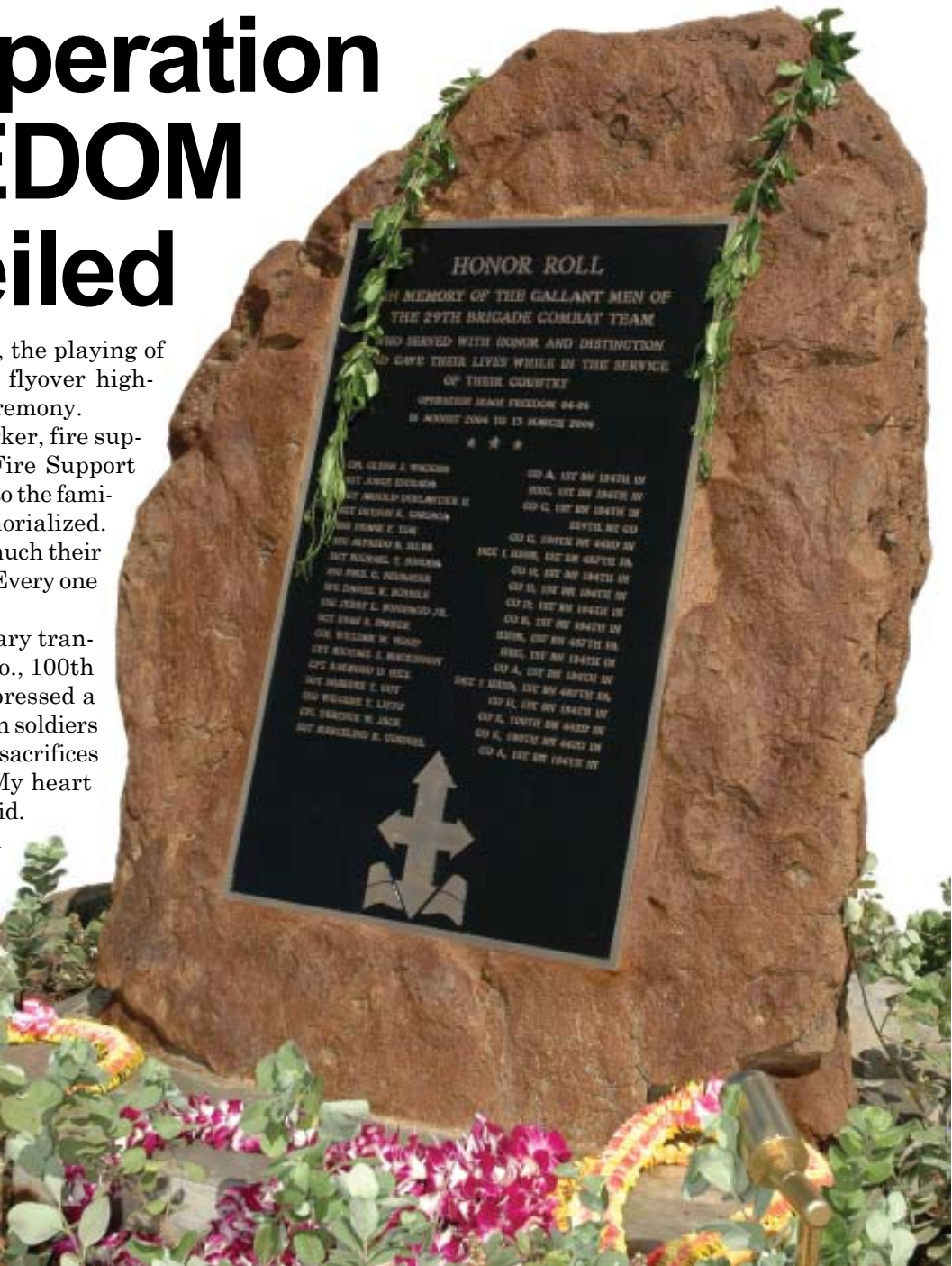
Capt. Haz N. Anguay, military transition team leader in Iraq, D Co., 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, expressed a sense of great loss over the fallen soldiers and recognized their important sacrifices for their country and units. "My heart goes out to their families," he said.

The Hawaii Guard's 111th Army Band provided the music, and C Co., 193rd Aviation, which returned from OIF in 2004, provided the CH-47D Chinook helicopter support.

The OIF roll of honor included 14 soldiers assigned or attached to the California-based 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry (three attached to 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery), three from the U.S. Army Reserve's 100th Bn., 442nd Infantry, and one from Hawaii's 229th Military Intelligence Co.

Also remembered were the 29 Soldiers who died during the brigade's 1968 Vietnam War call-up. All of the '68 call-up roll of honorees were from Hawaii.

The fallen Brigade soldiers were among the 120 Hawaii-based commands' troop families to receive the newly created Hawaii Medal of Honor this past April.



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lum photo

29th Brigade Combat Team's Operation IRAQI FREEDOM Memorial - dedicated Nov. 5, 2006, at the Kalaeloa, Hawaii headquarters. The memorial honors the 18 Brigade Soldiers who died during the OIF activation.

Retired Master Sgt. Raymond Ganotise, blows a conch shell prior to the Pule (blessing) of the new memorial.



Spc. Joanna Amberger photo



Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Matsushige photo

Gov. Linda Lingle, Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves, and Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee unveil the new brigade memorial.



Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Matsushige photo

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Barker from the 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry, pays his respects to his fallen comrades.



for Mayor Kim and thanked the various federal and state agencies for coming together to help the residents of the Big Island.

Interagency collaboration and communication were recurring themes in the course of the nine panels and two speakers that gave presentations.

## International Security Landscape

One of the highlights from the various presentations was Dr. Rohan Gunaratna's outline of recent developments in the international security landscape:

- "The center of gravity of terrorism" has moved from Afghanistan to Iraq
- Terrorism has become decentralized. There are multiple centers now, most taking the situation in Iraq as motivation and inspiration, "Iraq has become both a magnet and a lightning rod" for terrorists
- Cooperation between terrorist groups is on the rise. They "share finances, share resources." This cooperation has enabled the creation of many so-called "homegrown" terrorist groups, who are a more significant threat than they were five years ago

Manmade disasters were not the sole focus of the summit. One panel focused on natural disaster response in the case of Hurricane Katrina, and there were two panels on response and prevention of pandemic such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and bird flu.

The first speaker on natural disasters was Maj. Gen. Bennett Landreneau, the Louisiana adjutant general, who directed the Louisiana Guard's Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Hurricane Katrina made landfall on Monday, Aug. 29, 2005. Within a week, over 11,000 National Guard troops were helping with the relief effort, accomplishing over 78,000 evacuations.

The Louisiana Guard used the Katrina relief effort as a model for their response to Hurricane Rita, which hit the area in late September. Katrina highlighted the importance of achieving communication and having a focused public information plan in order to inform the public of where to go and what to do.

## SARS epidemic response

The Taiwanese response to the SARS outbreak is a noteworthy example of public information mitigating casualties. Dr. Lee Ming-Liang, former minister of health for Taiwan, came to discuss Taiwan's response to the SARS epidemic that occurred in 2002-2003.

Dr. Lee stressed the importance of the "Three I's" (information, identify, and isolation) in epidemic response. During the SARS epidemic, the government got information out to the public through press conferences and 24-hour hotline services. Identification of SARS characteristics were shared with the public and screened for at airports, harbors, and schools; 150,628 people with the characteristics were isolated from the public and visited daily by public health workers.

The final panel of the summit looked at predictions and trends in the Asia-Pacific homeland security landscape. Rear Adm. Andrew Singer, U.S. Pacific Command's director of intelligence, started

**INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING -- Undersecretary Cecilio Lorenzo, Undersecretary for Finance for the Philippines' Department of Defense exchanges contact information with United States Pacific Command's Rear Admiral Andrew Singer during a break in the panels. Lorenzo and Singer both delivered keynote speeches at the summit.**



**CIVIL DEFENSE POWWOW-- Deputy Attorney General Michael Vincent, Ed Teixeira and Ray Lovell of State Civil Defense prepare for the Bird Flu Pandemic Community Response Exercise held during the summit, which was a tabletop exercise focusing on possible response to an outbreak of avian flu on the Big Island.**

his presentation by telling the audience, "we need to get into the 'solution box' because the problem box is full." He then showed a map of the Asia-Pacific region color-coded by the area's receptiveness to terrorist activity. The most receptive areas were colored red, indicating a high threat, with safer areas in white.

***"We need to get into the solution box because the problem box is full" — Rear Admiral Andrew Singer, USPACOM***

Rear Adm. Singer proposed several methods to change the map from mostly red to mostly white. Education and collaboration with populations in the Pacific theater is important,

as is crippling the terrorists propaganda websites that win people over to the terrorist's ideology.

Fellow panelist Robert Zits, deputy undersecretary for preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, agreed, stating that we must disrupt terrorist communication like the jihadist websites. He also added that persistent surveillance of terrorist and disruption of their finances is crucial.

It is also crucial to put political pressure or give incentives to moderates to speak out against the radical Islamic factions, according to Maria Ressa, senior vice president of the largest network in the Philippines. She also stressed the importance of education and humanitarian aid in winning the hearts and minds of local communities that might otherwise spawn homegrown terror groups.

Edward Kubo, U.S. Attorney for the district of Hawaii, gave the closing remarks. He commended the aim of the summit saying, "this brings us all together to focus on the same problem," and "we now have a better understanding." The understanding he got from the summit was that we can't take a 'hear no evil, see no evil' approach. The U.S. and her allies need to feed and speak to marginalized communities being courted by terrorist groups to show them that we are compassionate and not the devils portrayed by terrorists.



**PREVENTING ANOTHER 9-11-- In the final panel of the conference, Maria Ressa, senior vice president for the largest TV network in the Philippines, shared her perspective on combating the growing global terrorist threat.**



**PAU HANA-- Jim Plant of Cyberkey Solutions and Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee stop to pose for a picture during the Cyberkey sponsored pau hana gathering on the second day of the summit.**





# 299th Cavalry trains Japanese troops

Sgt Brenden Minei, B Troop, 1st Battalion, 229th Cavalry, provides security for his squad.

Story and photos by Spc. Joanna N. Amberger  
117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii — Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers from the 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment, hosted the 2nd Company of the 1st Infantry Regiment of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force during Rising Warrior IV, an annual joint training exercise, held here in November.

“Rising Warrior combines infantry units from the U.S. Army with the JGSDF into one training event,” said Capt. John V. Udani, 299th Cavalry operations officer.

“The focus of this Rising Warrior exercise is MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) training and

sharing what we learned from our last deployment,” said Udani, who returned from Iraq earlier this year.

## Training begins with individual

Training began at the individual soldier level and then progressed through the squad, platoon, and company level. Training included reflexive firing, vehicle drills, mounted Humvee operations, cordon and search, entering a room, and clearing a building. Training culminated with a company live-fire event and a 24-hour field training exercise, reported Udani.

The goal of the exercise was to apply “U.S. doctrine of modern warfare to the doctrine the Japanese forces are currently operating under,” said Spc. Charles C. Kuahine III, operations assistant, from the 299th Cavalry’s Troop B. “It’s a blend of the two worlds.”

## After-action reviews critical to success

The best part of the exercise was after the training was finished for the day, said Spc. Kuahine. “Once we do our after-action reviews, we all get together and talk collectively. That’s the fun part,” he said. “You’re relaxed, you’re happy, you’ve had a good train-

ing, you get to talk about it, and share experiences.”

## Language barrier challenge

Soldiers commented that the most challenging aspect of the training was the language barrier.

“The language barrier is hard, but the interpreters make it easier for us,” said Master Sgt. Kenneth D. Manuel, intelligence NCOIC from the 299th Cavalry’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Despite the communication difficulty, the soldiers and Japanese troops are both well trained infantry units and were able to work well together and accomplish the mission, noted Manuel.

“With the way the international community is responding to terrorism on a global scale, I think it’s very important that we try to understand one another’s concepts, not only diplomatically speaking, but on the tactical and technical aspects of warfare today,” said Kuahine. “Doing something like this, where we get to train with another country’s forces, is key. I think it’s really vital and important if we really want to achieve the ultimate goal here. It’s things like this that make it all come together in the end.”

## Japanese soldiers thankful for training

Soldiers from the JGSDF also reported that the training was significant for them.

“I’m very thankful to the regimental and company commanders for allowing me to participate in this training,” said Cpl. Kazumasa Hirakawa, anti-tank missile operator, JGSDF. “This training helped me to improve my techniques, knowledge, and attitude tremendously. I hope those who could not participate in this training will have a chance to participate next time and experience what I have learned and felt.”



INTERNATIONAL FORCE TRAINING — Troops from 2nd Company, 1st Infantry Regiment, Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, form into a *stack* in preparation for entry into a building during a company live-fire exercise held as part of Exercise RISING WARRIOR IV, a joint training exercise with the Japanese GSDF and the Hawaii Army National Guard, held at Schofield Barracks in November.



# Hawaii National Guard Family Program

Lt. Col. Laura Wheeler, State Family Program Coordinator

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since the Brigade's return from deployment.

The effects of deployment are still being felt by our service members and their families. There are many resources now available to assist military families during this adjustment period. If you need help in locating the right resource and/or assistance, please do not hesitate to call any of us.

## Annual workshop held

With the many Welcome Home and Freedom Salute celebrations, the Annual State Family Program Workshop was held Aug. 25-26 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. Family Readiness Group volunteers attended various breakout sessions such as family reintegration, local military benefits, Ho'oponopono, military protocol/etiquette, etc. Some of these sessions were presented by special guests like Mrs. Vicki Olson, Dr. Michael Faran, Roberta Searle, William Cole, and Richard Ambo.

The event was culminated by a special awards dinner sponsored by TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Hawaii Supports Our Troops. Special appreciation bowls were presented to volunteers for their unselfish contributions during the past year. The Hui Laulima Award for the Outstanding Family Readiness Group - 2005 was presented to the 29th BCT FRG and the 154 ACS FRG. The Outstanding Volunteer Award was presented to all the key volunteers of the 29th BCT and the HIANG. The G-1 Branch - HIARNG and Staff. Sgt George Demesillo - HIANG were recipients of the Outstanding Military Point of Contact. Plans are underway for the next state workshop to be held April 2007.

## Marriage enrichment workshop success

One of the successful programs for couples during the reintegration phase of deployment is the marriage enrichment workshop/seminar, known as "Strong Bonds" or PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program). The Family Program Office will be offering a couple of workshops on the neighbor islands in early 2007. This 12-hour workshop offers couples skills to nurture a lasting relationship and includes an overnight stay at a hotel and a working lunch. It is not therapy or marriage counseling for marriages already in trouble. It is an enhancement

program that provides you with insights to a more loving, lasting relationship during and after the reunion phase of deployment. If interested, please contact the Family Program Office or your nearest FAC.

## Youth training in March

Let us not forget our youths...our unsung heroes. The Family Program will be conducting their annual Youth Training, "Heroes III - The Saga Continues" March 27-30 at the Regional Training Institute at Bellows Air Force Station, Waimanalo. This five-day event is open to the first 100 Guard youths ages eight-to-17-years-old. The youths are given the opportunity to learn good citizenship, sportsmanship, and leadership skills through team-building exercises, and fun activities to include a day at the water park.

## Guard Family Action Plan developed

GFAP is modeled after the Army Family

Action Plan which directs actions to improve the benefits and entitlements of the Guard community. It is a structured management tool that provides a means of monitoring an issue of concern from reporting to submission to possible resolution up the chain of command/concern. The Hawaii National Guard held its own Family Action Plan Conference on Jan. 27-28 at the Waikiki Doubletree Alana Hotel. Several major issues and concerns that were previously submitted were reviewed with subject matter experts, and recommendations for resolution were made. If you have an issue or concern that you would like to submit, you can register and submit your issue on [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) website.

## Check online for more information

Change is constant and one never stops learning. 2007 will be filled with lots of training for Family Readiness Groups, Guard families, volunteers, and unit POCs. With the convenience of computer technology and on-line training, learning has never been more accessible. Guard Family Team Building offers you training and knowledge of all aspects of life associated with being in the Guard. Check it out on the Family Readiness/Training link on [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) website.

## How to reach us

Check out our website at [www.dod.state.hi.us/family](http://www.dod.state.hi.us/family) if you have any questions or concerns relating to family matters. If you would like to be a part of a Family Readiness Group, contact your unit or call any of the following members of the Family Program State Advisory Team listed below:

### Kauai

Roberta Agena ..... 337-1144  
Barbara Nobrega ..... 651-4571

### Hilo

Leilani Kerr ..... 595-9092

### Kona

Jasmine Angelo ..... 640-0988

### Maui

Cody Hett ..... 357-6102

### Oahu

Bobbie Kito-Hong ..... 674-9290  
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## Where to find Hawaii Guard Family Support Centers

**Oahu: State Family Program Office**  
22nd Avenue, Bldg. 300, Honolulu  
Harriet Kuni: 672-1441

**Hawaii County: Hilo Armory**  
1046 Leilani St., Hilo  
Dave Ferreira: 987-9702c

**Maui County: Puunene Armory**  
2701 Mokulele Hwy., Kihei  
Georgette Pelekai : 268-8005

**Kauai County: Hanapepe Armory**  
1-3460 Kaumualii Hwy.  
Milton Oshiro: 346-5319

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as tossed plumeria petals from the rotunda's upper balcony.

Gov. Linda Lingle and Lt. Gov. James "Duke" R. Aiona Jr., and the official party were escorted by the Hawaii Air Guard's ceremonial Royal Guard. Leading the procession was retired Master Sgt. Ray Ganotise.

The Hawaii National Guard Joint Color Guard provided presentation, posting, and retiring of the colors.

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery fired a 19-gun salute with their Howitzers, while Co. B, 1st Battalion, 173rd Aviation Regiment flew a four CH-47D Chinook helicopter fly-by over the rotunda to conclude the ceremony.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photos

(4) Hawaii National Guard Joint Color Guard present the colors, while (5) Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen pass out programs.



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum photos

(1) 111th Army Band, Co. B, (2) 1st Battalion, 173rd Aviation Regiment and (3) Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, contributes to the inaugural celebration.





# Awards and Recognition

### Bronze Star

Lt. Col. Wayne N. Yoshioka, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.  
1st Sgt. Stephanie J. Hika, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

### Legion of Merit

Col. Ken H. Takayama, JFHQ-HI  
Sgt. Maj. Eugene J. Calabrese, Recruiting and Retention Div.

### Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Sgt. Benjamin Donde, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.  
Sgt. Lehualani Halemano, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Clara K. Furubayashi, HIARNG Element, JFHQ-HI  
Maj. Tracey M.Y. Omori, HHD, JFHQ-HI  
Sgt. Maj. Elizabeth K. Kenui, HIARNG Element, JFHQ (2nd OLC)  
1st Sgt. Stephanie J. Hika, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det. (2nd OLC)  
Master Sgt. Shirley N. Bryant, HIARNG Element, JFHQ (1st OLC)  
Master Sgt. Carol Cabanlet, USPFO  
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Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Kito-Hong, HIARNG Element, JFHQ (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Monica M. Montayre, JFHQ-HI

### Army Commendation Medal

1st Lt. Perry Y. Wong, 25th Inf Div Det, HIARNG (1st OLC)  
2nd Lt. Eric R. Miyasato Jr., HHC, 29th BSTB  
Chief Warrant Officer Samuel D. Preston III, JFHQ-HI (3rd OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Keith Takahashi, USPFO (1st OLC)  
Command Sgt. Maj. Rex N. Brun, HQ, 298th Regiment, MFTB (5th OLC)  
Sgt. Maj. William F. Hue, JFHQ-HI (4th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det. (6th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Jacob L.K. Magarro, 2nd Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (5th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Nahalea, 1st Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Kodeb R. Yamada, 1st Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (1st OLC)  
Master Sgt. Jan T. Imamura, HQ, 298th Regiment, MFTB (4th OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Felomina O. Alviar, 2nd Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (6th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Guy K. Yonehiro, 2nd Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (3rd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Mark M. Dela Cruz, 2nd Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (5th OLC)

Staff Sgt. Benjamin M. Johnson, 1st Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (3rd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Pedro Ortiz, 1st Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Valerie J. Resciniti, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.  
Sgt. Thomas C. Mitchell, JFHQ-HI  
Spc. Debra K. Furqan, Medical Command, HIARNG  
Spc. Brianna K. Young-Navarro, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

### Army Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. Fred P. Agag, HHD JFHQ (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Alika K. Kane, 93rd WMD-CST (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Gemmarie R. Grande, HHD JFHQ (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Emilie M. Bagayas, HQ, 298th Regiment, MFTB (3rd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Jin H. Pak, HHD JFHQ (4th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Elva A. Schaben, HHD JFHQ (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Felomina O. Alviar, HQ, 298th Regiment, MFTB (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence K. Nahalea, 1st Bn, 298th Regiment, MFTB (3rd OLC)

### Air Force Achievement Medal

Master Sgt. Lennard E. Knutson, 154th CES

Tech. Sgt. Vincent D. Guzman, 154 CF (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Kodeb R. Yamada, 1st Bn, 298th Regiment MFTB (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Valerie J. Resciniti, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

### Combat Action Badge

Chief Warrant Officer Charles L. Cantu, Co. C, 193rd Avn  
1st Sgt. Stephanie J. Hika, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.  
Sgt. 1st Class Michael C. Pray, Co. C, 193rd Avn  
Sgt. 1st Class James E. Burkhardt, Co. C, 193rd Avn  
Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.  
Staff Sgt. Valerie J. Resciniti, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

### Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

Capt. Jonathan A.M. Ishikawa, HHT, 1st Sq., 299th Cav, RSTA  
Capt. John V. Udani, HHT, 1st Sq., 299th Cav, RSTA  
Capt. Doug Westbrook, Co. C, 1st Bn, 207th Avn.  
2nd Lt. Gaine Sakagawa, Troop B, 1st Sq., 299th Cav, RSTA  
Sgt. 1st Class Richard Matsumoto, HHT, 1st Sq., 299th Cav, RSTA  
Joanne Yamamoto, Family Readiness Group

### State of Hawaii Distinguished Service Order

Col. Blane O. Ogata, HIARNG Element  
Chief Warrant Officer Alfred Paulino, HIARNG Element, JFHQ  
Chief Warrant Officer Paul N. Kahunahana, HIARNG Element, JFHQ  
Chief Warrant Officer Gary P. Shuman, HIARNG Element, JFHQ  
Command Sgt. Maj. Bert M. Yanagida, HQ, 298th Regiment, MFTB  
Command Sgt. Maj. John Y. Yakushiji, HHC, 29th BCT

### Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

1st Lt. Regina H. Berry, HQ 154th Wing  
Tech. Sgt. Alfredo D. Aquino, 199th Fighter Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Raquel D. Tugaoen, 154th SVF  
Staff Sgt. David Young, 199th Weather Flight  
Senior Airman Christopher R. Coloma, 154th M O Flight  
Senior Airman Caesar Lazaro, 154th MXS  
Barbara Kito-Hong, State Advisory Team Head Volunteer  
Karen Kagawa, HIARNG Element, JFHQ, Military Personnel Office  
Rene Nishimoto, HIARNG

Element, JFHQ, Military Personnel Office

### Youth Challenge Academy Class 06-1

### Governor's Distinguished Graduate Award

Justin Brenner

### Adjutant General's Leadership Award

David Dobbs

### Director's Academic Award

Justin-Anthony Roberts

### Commandant's Physical Fitness Award

Judson Ventar

### Duke Kahanamoku Foundation Scholarships and Plaque

Kuualoha-Kyra Kanekoa  
Kristen Tavares

### Merrill Lynch Scholarship

Rae Dawn Fontanilla  
Shanniececa Gibson

### Cadet of the Month

Brandon Ching, August 2006  
David Dobbs III, September 2006  
Khendra Ngiralmou, October 2006  
Nicholas Mendez IV, November 2006



Maj. Charles Anthony photo

Governor Lingle and Maj. Gen. Lee go over the earthquake recovery plan in the Hawaii County Emergency Operation Center.

## DoD Earthquake Response

By Maj. Charles Anthony

The Oct. 15 earthquake centered off the Big Island’s Kiholo Bay was bad enough, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars worth of damage. There were 48 people injured—none seriously, three homes were destroyed and 53 homes and seven schools sustained major damage. But it could have been much worse. The 6.7 magnitude quake did not generate any localized tsunami (experts say a magnitude of 6.9 or greater is required to do that). It was also fortunate that it struck at 7:07 a.m. on a Sunday, when traffic was light and the Hawaii National Guard was already on duty since it was a drill weekend. “The reputation of the Hawaii Guard is so good that just knowing that our soldiers and Airmen were immediately available had a tremendous calming affect on Hawaii’s citizens who had been rattled by the earthquake and resulting power outages”, said Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, the adjutant general. But there were only a few National Guard missions to be performed on that day in support of civil authorities. OH-58 Kiowa helicopters flew aerial damage assessment missions and with airports closed, the Army Guard’s C-26 was pressed into to service to fly Gov. Linda Lingle back to Oahu from the Big Isle.

In the days and weeks that followed, the Hawaii National Guard was requested to perform various state active duty missions as the extent of the damage started to emerge. Dozens of soldiers worked with FEMA and State Civil Defense as part of damage assessment teams and a crew from C Company, 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation was dispatched to fly aerial surveillance for Gov. Lingle, the adjutant general and other State officials on Oct. 18.

Another front of activity opened up in November, when it was determined that damage to the Paihi Bridge on Maui made it unsafe to travel to the village of Kipahulu, cutting off residents. The Army Guard’s CH-47 Chinooks were pressed into service to deliver fuel, food, water and other essentials to the 500 or so residents. The HIARNG helicopters delivered nearly 20 tons of supplies to the grateful residents.

As the *pupukahi* goes to print, Hawaii National Guard soldiers and Airmen continue with state active duty missions, clearing debris from the Hamakua ditch. The ditch is the major irrigation source of water for agriculture in that district. Following the quake, the water flow was blocked threatening the water supply to one of Hawaii’s major food producing areas and threatening the liveli-



Courtesy photo

Guardsmen and volunteers work together to clear the Hamakua ditch from earthquake debris.

hood of the farmers there who work the land. “The success of the Hawaii National Guard efforts was a direct result of the soldiers and Airmen commitment to volunteering to support the communities in need. They really wanted to help”, said Lt. Col. Ben. Fuata, Task Force Koa commander on the Big Island.

## Training Schedule

Listed below are the inactive duty training dates for all Hawaii Army and Air National Guard units. Dates for subordinate units are the same as their parent headquarters, unless otherwise indicated. All dates are subject to change.

Hawaii Army National Guard	Feb	Mar	Apr
HHD, Joint Forces HQ	10-11	3-4	7-8, 28-29
298th Regional Training Institute	10-11	10-11, 24	28-29
RTSM	10-11	10-11, 24	28-29
RSP	10-11	10-11	28-29
29th Separate Infantry Brigade	3-4	3-4	7-8
HHT, 1-299 Cavalry	3-4	3-4	6-8
29th Support Battalion	3-4	3-4	7-8
Co. A, 29th Spt Bn	3, 10-11	3-4	7-8
Co. B, 29th Spt Bn	3, 10-11	3-4	7-8
Co. C, 29th Spt Bn	3, 10-11	3-4	7-8
103rd Troop Command	10-11	3-4	7-8
12th Personnel Service Det.	10-11	3-4	14-15
111th Army Band	9-11	10, 19	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
230th Engineer Co.	23-25	3-4	7-8
297th Firefighting Team	24-25	3--4	7-8
Co. B, 445th Aviation	24-25	10-11	20-22
Co. B, 1-173rd Aviation	25-26	3-4	14-15
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	3-4	3-4	7-8
154th Wing	3-4	3-4	7-8
201st Combat Communications Group	3-4	3-4	7-8